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I. AMENDMENT; AND II. RESPONSE TO OFFICE A **MAILED APRIL 2, 2002**

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 2, 2002 for which the three-month date for response is July 2, 2002.

No fees are believed due in conjunction with this filing, however, should any additional fees under 37 CFR 1.16-1.21 be required for any reason, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fees from O'Keefe, Egan & Peterman Deposit Account No. 10-1205/BJSC-286.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.